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FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE
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INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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ATTN: INR/RGE

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PFOR, PLOS, PBOR, CM, NI
SUBJ: CAMEROON-NIGERIA MARITIME BOUNDARY

REF: STATE 151728

1. COPY OF QUOTE DETERMINATION DE LA FRONTIERE MARITIME
ENTRE LE CAMEROUN ET LE NIGERIA AU LER JUIN 1975 END QUOTE
POUCHED AF/C 19 NOVEMBER 1975. DOCUMENT LISTS TWENTY POINTS
AS THEY WERE PLOTTED ON BRITISH ADMIRALTY CHART 3433, APPROACHES
TO CALABAR-SHEET 1, DURING GOWON-AHIDJO MEETING.

2. AS AMB. SPIRO NOTED IN HIS CABLE 75 YAOUNDE 3536(NOT CITED
REFTEL) PROBLEM OF DIFFERENTIAL EXTENT OF COASTAL CLAIMS AROSE;
I.E., 30 MILLES FOR NIGERIA, 50 FOR CAMEROON. SINCE THE CHART
USED DURING THE NEGOTIATION ONLY COVERED 17 MILES OUT
FROM THE COAST, NIGERIA WAS GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCING
CHARTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE AREA COVERED. TO BEST OF
EMBASSY KNOWLEDGE, FURTHER DELINATION OF BOUNDARY BEYOND EDGE
OF CHART WAS NEVER FORMALLY ESTABLISHED PENDING (A) OUTCOME
OF LOS CONFERENCE AND (B) SOME REAL NEED TO DO SO. ALSO,
PRESENCE OF EQUATORIAL GUINEAN ILE MASIE NGUEMA BIYOGO WOULD
SEVERELY COMPLICATE ANY ATTEMPT TO FURTHER DELINEATE MARITIME
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BORDER. SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT OVERTHROW OF GOWON SHORTLY AFTER
MEETING WAS ALSO STRONG INCENTIVE TO DROP THE SUBJECT.

3. DURING RECENT VISIT OF INR/DDC/MP GEOGRAPHER MARSHALL.
ANDREWS, SHE WAS PROVIDED LIST OF POINTS CITED ABOVE AND SHOWN
BORDER AS DRAWN ON CHART 3433 BY GURC OFFICIAL WHO PARTICIPATED
IN AHIDJO-GOWON MEETING.

4. CONSIDER IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT EMBASSY WILL BE ABLE TO
OBTAIN COPY OF OFFICIAL AGREEMENT AS TECHNICALLY SUBJECT IS
STILL UNRESOLVED AND GURC WOULD CONSIDER MATTER AS PURELY BILATERAL
AFFAIR BETWEEN CAMEROON AND NIGERIA. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT SOME
NIGERIANS CONSIDER GOWON-AHIDJO AGREEMENT A SELL OUT OF NIGERIAN
INTERESTS AND DO NOT ACCEPT THIS SETTLEMENT. HOWEVER, EMBASSY
WILL INQUIRE WHEN ABLE TO DO SO IN APPROPRIATE SETTING.
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